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SUBJ: REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB) EXPERTS GROUP

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SUMMARY: AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW IN RESPONSE TO US REQUEST, FONOFF HAS DECIDED GOJ WILL NOT NOMINATE EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE IN ROB EXPERTS GROUP. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 20, EMBOFF DREW ON USEFUL ARGUMENTATION CONTAINED REF A FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WITH FONOFF UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIVISION HEAD MURAKAMI. CONTENTS REF B WERE TRANSMITTED MARCH 22. ON MARCH 25, MURAKAMI RESPONDED WITH CONSIDERED GOJ DECISION IN RESPONSE TO USG REQUEST, WHICH WAS THAT GOJ WOULD NOT NOMINATE EXPERT, FOR FOLLOWING REASONS.

2. MURAKAMI SAID FONOFF FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND SHARES USG INTEREST IN BRINGING REALITIES OF DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS HOME TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE INCLINED TO NAIVETE ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, ABSENCE FROM EXPERTS GROUP OF NOMINEES FROM THREE OUT OF FIVE UNSC PERMANENT MEMBER NATIONS UNDERSCORED TO GOJ DIFFICULTY OF INDUCING MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION WITHIN FORUM WHERE USSR AND EASTERN BLOC WILL BE TAKING ESSENTIALLY PROPAGANDISTIC POSITIONS. IN THIS ATMOSPHERE, FONOFF FEARED THAT TECHNICAL ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BY JAPANESE PARTICIPANT MIGHT SEEM UNDULY NEGATIVE TO THIRD WORLD AS COMPARED WITH SEEMINGLY FORTHCOMING ATTITUDES OF EASTERN BLOC. MURAKAMI ADDED THAT PRESENCE OF RESPONSIBLE WESTERNERS (US, BELGIUM, NORWAY) COULD NOT SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER THIS BASIC DIFFICULTY FOR JAPAN.

3. HAVING DESCRIBED MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION, MURAKAMI THEN ADDED THAT GOJ WAS AWARE OF OTHER DIFFICULTIES AS WELL, I.E., FINDING TRULY QUALIFIED EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE, COUNTERING ANY DOMESTIC POLITICAL REACTIONS TO POSITION JAPANESE WOULD BE INCLINED TO ADOPT, ETC. MURAKAMI CLOSED HIS PRESENTATION BY REGRETTING THAT GOJ COULD NOT ACCEDE TO US REQUEST IN THIS INSTANCE, BUT AFFIRMING GOJ DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH USG ON DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY WITHIN CCD. HE ADDED THAT FONOFF WILL BE INFORMING JAPANESE MISSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK OF THIS DECISION.
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